

**2012 ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
YOUNG BROTHERS SHEEP ALLOTMENT**

This is your Annual Operating Instructions for the Young Brothers Sheep Allotment. This Plan is part of your Term Grazing Permit as specified in Part 2, Number 8 (a) of your permit.

As part of the Terms & Conditions of your Permit, Part 2 Number 8 (i), all range improvements and maintenance on water developments must be completed before sheep enter the forest. Non-use does not relieve any permittee from their range improvement maintenance responsibility.

Before livestock enter the forest, your grazing fees must be paid and notice received in this office. Failure to follow this procedure is a violation of your permit.

**PERMITTED SEASON OF USE**

Approximately June 16 – September 30

**NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK (SHEEP)**

<b>Permittee</b>	<b>Permitted #'s</b>
Young Brothers	110

**PROPER UTILIZATION FOR ALL UNITS**

<b>Upland Forage Utilization</b>	<b>Utilization Criteria</b>
Grass and herbaceous species (% dry weight)	Utilization of upland forage species on this allotment should not exceed 50% of key species (Blue Bunch Wheat Grass and Idaho Fescue).
Shrubs (% Annual leader growth)	Utilization in the uplands will vary from 25% to 35% depending on whether it is considered as: winter range, critical winter range, or non-winter range.

"Once-over" grazing use and open herding should be practiced. Bed grounds should not be used in excess of one night. When salting, please salt in a new location each year. By spreading out salt areas, we can permit grazing of steeper watershed areas. We prefer that salt be applied on rocky areas, and avoid salting steep, east-facing slopes where snow cornices build up. Do not salt sheep near water. All camps should have a serviceable ax and shovel for fire control.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change that deviates from this Annual Operation Instruction must be made in advance and be in writing by the District Ranger.

A Forest closure order exists for any hay or straw used in association with your permit, and must be certified and tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order.

Please notify our office of any weed populations on your allotment, so that a crew can be sent out to map and treat them.

Please contact Hans Bastian at 236-7526 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jeffery J. Hammes*

JEFFERY J. HAMMES  
Westside District Ranger

NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Young Brothers Livestock		